

## INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENTS

The applicants have still received no record of the Examiner's review of the references cited in two Information Disclosure Statement Forms 1449 submitted on 11 April and 10 September 2001, respectively. During a telephone communication between the Examiner and the undersigned attorney prior to the first Office Action response filed in October 2003, the Examiner confirmed that the references had been received by the USPTO, but that they were not found in the file when the Examiner received it. Accordingly, at the Examiner's suggestion, the Forms 1449 and references were transmitted to the USPTO a second time along with the amendment mailed on October 21, 2003. Confirmation of the receipt of this second set of documents has been received by the applicants in the form of a Return Receipt post card stamped by the USPTO OIPE. The amendment submitted with the Forms 1449 was found to be not responsive due to its lack of listing the withdrawn claims, so a corrected set of claims was mailed on November 13, 2003; although the Forms 1449 were not again attached to that paper because there is no requirement to do so under 37 CFR 1.121. The USPTO Office Communication dated 03/01/2004 again does not include any indication that the Examiner has considered the missing Forms 1449 and cited references.

A third copy of the missing Forms 1449 is attached to this paper - this time without copies of the references, since two copies have previously been provided to the USTPO. The applicants have submitted these references in a timely manner, and the applicants are entitled to a review of the pending claims in light of these references. The Examiner's assistance is requested to address this situation. The Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney should any additional action be required by the applicants to resolve this problem.





Substitute for form 1449B/PTO  <b>INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT BY APPLICANT</b>  (use as many sheets as necessary)				<b>Complete If Known</b>	
Application Number				09/832,718	
Filing Date				04/11/2001	
First Named Inventor				Daniel L. McConnell, et al	
Group Art Unit				2635	
Examiner Name				Not Yet Assigned	
Attorney Docket Number				069035-004	
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Examiner Signature		Date Considered	
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\* EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 608. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.

<sup>1</sup> Unique citation designation number. <sup>2</sup> Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language Translation is attached.